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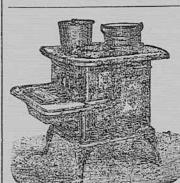
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Washington, Feb. 14.—Dr. Talmage fall. Vessels scudding under bare poles in this sermon uses a weird and strange do not feel the force of the storm, while scene of ancient times to illustrate the those with all sails set capsize at the behavior of modern people who desecrate sacred things, and for their arrogance get a bad tumble. His subject was "A King Eating Grass' and the text Daniel iv, 33, "The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar, and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws." Better shade your eyes lest they be put out with the splendor of Babylon,

as some morning you walk out with Nebuchadnezzar on the suspension bridges which hang from the house tops and he shows you the vastness of his realm. As the sun kindles the domes with glisterings almost insufferable and the great streets thunder up their pomp into the ear of the monarch, and armed towers stand around, adorned with the spoils of conquered empires, Nebuchad-nezzar waves his hand above the stupendous scene and exclaims, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty?" But in an instant all that splendor is gone from his vision, for a voice falls from the heaven, saying: "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken. The kingdom is departed from thee, and they shall drive thee from the they shall drive thee from and attainments and capacities. thee, and they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make thee to eat grass as oxen and seven years shall pass over thee until thou years shall pass over thee, until thou the tombs. wars shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will." One hour from the time that he made the boast he is on the way to the fields, a maniac, and, rushing into the forests, he becomes one of the beasts, covered with eagles' feathers for protection from the cold, and his for protection from the cold, and his circle and such swiftness of motion, and sharpen our swords for future conflict. and climb the trees for nuts.

On the Road to Babylon Scriptural landscape. In several discourses we have looked at mountains of memory, on whose shoulders all the misfortunes and successes and occurexcellence, but now we look down into rences of a lifetime are placed, should son in Nazareth, and the prayer of Getha great, dark chasm of wickedness as we come to speak of Nebuchadnezzar. God in his Word sets before us the beauty of self denial, of sobriety, of devotion of self denial, of sobriety, of devotion, of courage, and then, lest we should not thoroughly understand him, he introduced Daniel and Paul and Delorah as duced Daniel and Paul and Deborah as bringing into the heart forebodings and worldly business of the future! illustrations of those virtues. God also speaks to us in his Word as to the hatefulness of pride, of folly, of impiety so much in its mighty leaps for the atcomes only as a day for neighborhood visiting, field rambling, hetel lounging and political conveying. This glorious Sabbath which and lest we should not thoroughly understand him, introduces Nebuchadnezzar as the impersonation of these forms of depravity. The former style of character is a lighthouse, showing us a way into a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor, and the latter style is and servent and less than a safe harbor. into a safe harbor, and the latter style of character is a black buoy, swinging on the rocks, to show where vessels themselves. Thanks and grant direction between the Sab direction or the rocks, to show where vessels direction the rocks and grant their anthem. At the Lord's day there do not work while wreck themselves. Thanks unto Gcd morning and at night, when in your the Lord's day they do not work, while for both the buoy and the lighthouse!

The host of Nebuchadnezzar is thunder—

The host of Nebuchadnezzar is thunder—

The wreek themselves. Thanks unto GCU morning and at hight, when in your they eat more largely and dissipate more all people of all religious sing John thoroughly. Sabbath breakers are like the gate of Levisse on each controverse on each controver ing at the gates of Jerusalem. The Jesus Christ, praise the Lord for the crown of that sacred city is struck into preservation of your reason. the dust by the hand of Babylonish insolence. The vessels of the temple, which had never been desecrated by prosacrilege and transportation. Oh, what a sad hour when those Jews, at the command of the invading army, are obliged to leave the home of their nativity? How their hearts must have been wrung with anguish when, on the day they departed, they heard the trumpets from the top of the temple announcing the hour for morning sacrifice

tness captives and been brought to his city, Nebuchadnezzar is scared with a night vision. A bad man's pillow is apt to be stuffed with deeds and forebodings which keep talking in the night. He were left without money to spend. Laquills. The ghosts of old transgressions are sure to wander about in the darkness and becken and hiss. Yet when the morning came he found that the wision had cutting the darkness of fallen storehouses, which is the condition of the condition of

the Jewish captives.

Pride and Ruin. My friends, do you not see that pride the earth, even so God's great and mag-and ruin ride in the same saidle? See nificent purposes are reflected back from

BLACKSTONE & BELL, G. S. WAPLES & CO. ATE GRASS AS AN OX. of all the earth, and then see him graze commander, well plumed and caparisoned, but it leads forth a dark and frowning host. The arrows from the Almighty's quiver are apt to strike a man when on the wing. Goliath shakes his Enforce a Useful Lesson-The Desecra- great spear in deflance, but the smooth stones from the brook make him stagger and fall like an ox under a butch-

er's bludgeon. He who is down cannot

sudden descent of the tempest. Remember that we can be as proud of our humility as of anything else. Antisthenes walked the streets of Athons with a ragged cloak to demonstrate his humility, but Socrates declared he could see the hypocrisy through the holes in his cloak. We would all see ourselves smaller than we are if we were as philosophic as Severus, the emperor of Rome, who said at the close of his life, "I have been everything and everything is nothing." And when the urn that was to contain his ashes was at his command brought to him he said, "Little

urn, thou shalt contain one for whom the world was too little." Do you not also learn from the misfortune of this king of Babylon what a terrible thing is the loss of reason? There is no calamity that can possibly befall us in this world so great as derangement of intellect; to have the body of man and yet to fall even below horrible sights, the most horrible is the idiot's stare. In this world of horrible scene, and the glory of heaven seems to sounds the most horrible. sounds, the most horrible is the maniae's laugh. A vessel driven on the rocks, when hundreds go down never to rise and other hearth and the graph of the sanctuary. Vile indeed must that man be who will come in the process of the sanctuary of the sanctuary. and other hundreds drag their mangled temple. O thou Nebuchadnezzar! Back and shivering bodies upon the winter's with you to Babylon! beach, is nothing compared to the foun-Christ's heart went out toward those

He Served a Purpos

See also in this story of Nebuchadnezfane touch, were ruthlessly seized for The actions of the wicked are used as pose, while their immortal nature, which pets from the top of the temple announcing the hour for morning sacrifice and saw the smoke of the altars ascending around the holy hill of Zion; for well they knew that in a far distant land they would never hear that trumpet call nor behold the majestic ascent of the sacrifice! Behold those captives on the road from Jerusalem to Babylon! Worn and weary, they dare not halt, for roundabout are armed men urging them on with hoot and shout and blaspheny.

Aged men tottered along on their staves, weeping that they could not lay their bones in the sleeping place of their fathers and children, wondered at the length of the way and sobbed themselves. It seemed as if at every sten a heart. selves to sleep when the night had fall- God never forsakes the righteous when noticed the curious fact that our worldselves to sleep when the night had fallen. It seemed as if at every step a heart broke. But at a turn of the road Babylon suddenly springs upon the view of the captives, with its gardens and palaces. A shout goes up from the army as they behold their native city, but not not one huzza is heard from the captives. These exiles saw no splendor there, for it was not home. The Euphrates did not have the water gleam of the captives did not have the water gleam of the captives are the parted sea, behold, in the phrates did not have the water gleam of through the parted sea, behold, in the the brook Kedron or the pool of Siloam.

The willows of Babylon, on which they enemies are chaff in a whirlwind! In hung their untuned harps, were not as graceful as the trees which at the foot of Mount Moriah seemed to weep at the departed glory of Judah, and all the departed glory of Judah, and all the fragrance that descended from the hungfragrance that descended from the hang- credit without warning dropped dead in ing gardens upon that great city was the street, and money ran up the long not so sweet as one breath of the acacia ladder of 25 per cent to laugh down and frankincense that the high priest upon those who could not climb after it. kindled in the sanctuary at Jerusalem.
On a certain night, a little while after stood shouting in the deaf ears of banks. Dealers with peckets full of securities

these captives had been brought to his Men rushed down the streets with prowill find that the eagles' down in his borers went home for want of work, to pillow will stick him like porcupine see hunger in their chair at the table vision had entirely fled from him. and whole cities joined in the long fu-Dreams drop no anchors, and therefore neral procession, marching to the grave are apt to sail away before we can fasten them. Nebuchadnezzar calls all the wise Verily the righteous suffered with the wicked, but generally the wicked had men of the land into his presence, de- the worst of it. Splendid estates that mending that by their necromancy they manding that by their necromancy they had come together through schemes of wickedness were dashed to pieces like a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the work of the like the with the wind the wind the will be a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the wind the will be a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the wind the will be a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the will be a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the will be a potter's vessel, and God wrote with letter the will be a potter to the will be edict with as little sense as mercy, or-dering the slaying of all the learned men of the country. But Daniel the prophet comes in with the interpretation just in time to save the wise men and his Bible, "The way of the wicked he turneth upside down." As the stars of heaven are reflected from the waters of

the boiling sea of human passion and ly occupation frequently seems to be diturmed. As the voice of a sweet song vided into sections of six days each? earth. Sennacherib and Abimelech night comes there is almost always a more, the ruins of Holy Cross abbey and and Herod and Judas and Nero and good stopping place in your business.

Nebuchadnezzar, though they struggled
All things secular and spiritual in provlike beasts unbroken to the load, were idence and revelation seem to say, put into a yoke, where they were com-

vessels of the temple and carrying them bath, and, giving an example to all fuaway to Babylon. The sacred vessels in ture times, he rested. the temple at Jerusalem were the cups and plates of gold and silver with which the rites and ceremonies were celebrated. The laying of heathen hands upon them and the carrying them off as spoils were an unbounded offense to the Lord of the temple. Yet Nebuchadnezzar committed this very sacrilege. Though that wicked king is gone, the sins he inaugurated walk up and down the earth, cursing it from century to century. The sin of desecrating sacred things is committed by those who on sacramental day take the communion cup, while their conversation and deeds all show that they live down in Babylon. How solemn is the sacrament! It is a time for vows, a time for repentance, a time for faith. Sinai stands near with its fire split clouds and Calvary with its

The Holy Day Those also descerate sacred things who use the Sabbath for any other than We are accustomed to be ularities of the week to remind us that nails growing to birds' claws in order that he might dig the earth for roots and climb the trees for unts.

circle and such switchess of motion, and the least impediment might put it out days, alights upon the earth, and the and climb the trees for unts. ance by a divine hand. No human hand song of heavenly choirs and the hosan-could engineer the train of immortal na of the white robed seem to mingle You see there is a great variety in the faculties. How strange it is that our with our earthly worship. We hear the

> to take rest while themselves continue for 1897: on the weary chase, for men on the Sabbath allow their bodies, which are zar the use that God makes of bad men. merely the animal nature, sufficient re-



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uttered among the mountains may be uttered back from the cavernous home work given us to do in six days. God Every week we have just enough of wild beast and rocks split and thun- makes just enough breaks in our continder scarred, so the great harmonies of uous occupations to thrust in the Sab-God's providence are rung back from bath. If your have not before noticed, the darkest caverns of this sin struck observe hereafter that when Saturday

member the Sabbath day to keep it pelled to help draw ahead God's great projects of mercy.

Again, let us learn the lesson that men can be guilty of polluting the sacred would he make, because it was the Sab-

Keep the Sabbath.

He who breaks the Sabbath not more certainly robs God than robs himself. Inevitably continuous desecration of the sacred day ends either in bankruptcy or destroyed health. A great merchant said, "Had it not been for the Sabbath | I have no doubt I should have been a maniac long ago." This remark was one of them said: "That corresponds with the experience of my friend, a great importer. He often said, 'The Sabbath is the best day of the week to plan successful voyages.' He has for years been in an insane hospital, and will probably die there."

Those also repeat the sin of Nebuchadnezzar who in any way desecrate the Holy Scriptures. There are men who use the Word of God as an instrument of angry controversy. Bigots at heart and zealots, in the advocacy of their religious peculiarities they meet other sects with the fury of a highwayman, thrusting them through and through with what they consider the sword of the stone built towns will get an antiseptic Spirit. It is a wonder to me that some nen were not made with horns to hook with and hoofs to kick with and with such as they have encountered many claws to grab with. What Christ said to rash Peter, when he struck off the ear of Malchus, he says to even sialist, "Put up again its place, for all they sword shall perish with the sword."

Rev. William Jay met a countryman who said to him: "I was extremely foggy and I was going down to a lonely place, and I thought I saw a strange monster. It seemed in motion, but I could not discern its form. I did not and the more I looked the more I was afraid. But as I approached I saw it was a man, and who do you think it was?" "I know not." "Oh, it was my brother John." Then Mr. Jay remarked, "It was early in the morning and very foggy, and how often do we thus mis-take our Christian brethren."

will they be boisterous in their religious contentions. The lamb of religion is always gentle, while there is no lion so flerce as the roaring lion that goes about teries, but forever and ever let there be good will among those who profess to he subjects of the gospel of gentleness. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

What an embarrassing thing to meet ed in 1772, but just as appropria

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

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Hunters have given the 30 caliber smokeless powder rifles a pretty thorough trial during the last year, and most of them are satisfied with its work on

hams." And another shot in the head bers of the Loyal legion, are General broke the bones into 16 pieces, besides H. S. Huidekoper and State Senator houlders, leaped up and fell dead. The of the civil war, in which unpleasantthe skin on the far side. Antelopes shot eral Huidekoper is minus his right arm bullet hit no bones, but stopped under almost anywhere in the body fell within 20 yards, seldom stopping the bullet. The holes the bullets made were small of the two veterans to make one pair of at the entering point, but where the gloves do for both. Whenever the genbullets came out one could-frequently put a doubled fist into the wound. Com-

lengthwise through it, killing it, and a glove from the general for about a then through another one's shoulders, killing it too. Tigers shot through the body sickened at once when a soft nose bullet was used, while deer of all sorts were knocked down by the force of the dle the senator was overjoyed to find a bullets, and not often were able to get right hand glove." to their feet again. The bullets that mushroom come out

in different shapes. Some fly to pieces, only shreds of the metal coating remaining on the battered butt, the lead being found, in tiny splinters, scattered in the flesh in the path of the bullet. Some bullets curled back, looking like toadstools with rounded tops, but these hit no bones. The bones are shattered, and they distort or smash the bullets .-New York Sun.

Mental Arithmetic. Aunt Dorothy-How many commandments are there, Johnny? Johnny (glibly)-Ten. Aunt Dorothy-And, now, suppose ou were to break one of them?

be nine.—Spare Moments. The leading idea of mediæval fortification was to place the castle or fort at tent, soothes and composes the passions the top of the highest and steepest and keeps them in a perpetual calm. mountain that could be found in the neighborhood. The ascent was rendered

Johnny (tentatively)-Then there'd

IRELAND'S GREAT BOGS.

Why They Move and Destroy Huts and

The reports from Ireland to the exect that a bog is moving down the course of the Flesk river, engulfing cottages and hamlets, threatening the town of Rathmany other interesting remains in the vicinity of the lakes of Killarney has brought to life the old superstition concerning the nature of bogs and their mysterious power of destruction and concealment. The sea gives up its dead more readily. There are no tides in that solidifying mass, whose permeating waters are blacker than the Styx.

But a bog can no more move from its eternal moorings than can Lake Michigan. It can overflow indeed, as can the swamps of the Kankakee, and flood wide districts. The difference would be that in the swamp the sodden vegetation would remain anchored, while in the bog the spongy surface peat be comes loosened and goes down with the flood that moves silently and unseen beneath. What wonder, then, if the simmade in a company of merchants, and ple peasantry, watching the insidious advance of apparently solid peat, should revive the legend of the days when fairies put their shoulders under the bog and moved it to a distant place. In reality the turf wool has no density, but is compacted by pressure from behind, and it is drained dry because of its por-

ous, nonputrescent substance. When the flood subsides, the bog will be found in its ancient anchorage. A dry, brown, worthless peat will be scat-tered before doors far distant. Some turf cutters' cottages, timbered with bog oak and thatched with the spagnum, will have disappeared, and perhaps with them some hapless families, but the wash and the ruins sustain no more damage than a purifying inundation, times since saints laid the foundations in the isle of sanctity and learning. There will not even be slime upon the

Swamps are primitive masses of earth or deposits of alluvia along river courses, water soaked and choked with who said to him: "I was extremely decaying vegetation that gives off mias-alarmed this morning, sir. It was very matic gas. But bogs are ancient lakes, often fed by springs underneath, and feeding in their turn swift rivers. The water is never stagnant. The turf is an accumulation of vegetable matter on like to turn back, but my heart beat, the surface, but often 20 to 40 feet in depth. This vegetation has undergone a peculiar change under a degree of temperature that prevents decomposition. As might be well understood, ordinary aquatic plants of much succulent leaf age would decay.

The plant peculiar to the bog is a kind of moss known as spagnum, so Just in proportion as men are wrong thing between the woody fiber of Spanish moss and the porous compactness of sponge. Given a shallow pool, mud contracting around the roots of true water plants and spagnum flourishes, a paraseeking whom he may devour. Let gibraltars belch their war flame on the out new ones of its own, spreading sea, and the Dardanelles darken the Hellespont with the smoke of their bat-ually replacing the water with connected fiber.

On top, each year's growth is dry, brown and crumbling, but eight feet below it is often as hard, black and valuable for fuel as coal. Underneath this strata is water to an unknown in heaven if we have not settled our depth, and there is water oozing to the controversies on earth. So I give out for surface up through the porous mass, seemingly unsafe, but in reality treacherous only in the bog holes left by the peat cutter, where nature has not had time to heal the wound with a new growth of spagnum.

The water flows away in great rivers

from all sides, for the bogs are all extensive and more elevated than the arable lands. If the outlets become obstructed, there is an overflow, causing floods, when the matted brown spagnum moves on the surface, as the trades moved the Saragossa sea with its islands of seaweeds. Only this surface moss can float, as each successive year deposits its strata and constantly increases in density with pressure from above and below. Anything falling into a bog hole becomes imbedded and mummified. Very much of the surface must at one time have been covered with forest trees, as trunks of numerous varieties are often dug up, so perfect as to be useful for the builder, but black as ebony and much harder than the original

wood.—Chicago Times-Herald. He Got the Glove.

"Two inseparable comrades," says the Philadelphia Record, "both mem-Francis A. Osbourn. Both are veterans ness each lost an arm. But while Gen-Senator Osbourn mourns the loss of his left. For years it has been the practice monly the wound was two inches across.

A single hard nose bullet fired from a eral would get the left glove. Up to mannlicher riffe at a rhinoceros passed last Monday the senator hadn't received

> Like the Ostrich. Mr. Cri- sonbeak-You women remind me of ostriches

Mrs. Crimsonbeak-I don't under-"Well, you know, the ostrich buries its head and believes it cannot be seen." "Yes, I've heard of that."

"Well, you women cover your head with a bonnet and think you are out of sight!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Jim Faro-I'm in luck. I got \$500

last night on the ace of hearts. Oracksey Joe-Dat's nothin. A free o' mine cracked a jewelry crib las' weck an got five t'ousand on a tray of diamonds. - Exchange Cheerfulness bears the same friendly regard to the mind as to the body. It

The toothpicks of orange wood, which still more difficult by removing loose come from Japan, are made by hand. stones on the sides of acclivities and It is said that a Japanese workman can

banishes all anxious care and discon-

making the slopes of the hill steeper. | whittle from 12 to 20 dozen a day.